

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1687 - HB 2055**

March 2, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to establish models for relocating, hauling, composting, and processing of yard and food waste in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Establishes certain guidelines for the required plan. TDEC would submit a report concerning the plan to the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committees by December 1, 2010.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$718,000/Recurring  
\$50,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- TDEC does not currently capture the quantities of food and yard waste available for composting.
- TDEC does not have information on the generation of prepared food or information on agencies to which food could be diverted.
- TDEC does not maintain data relevant to the transport or hauling of such materials.
- TDEC estimates it will take two to three years to develop three separate models.
- TDEC will require 14 new positions to carry out the provisions of the bill. The recurring increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits for these positions is estimated to be approximately \$718,000. One-time costs associated with the positions are estimated to be \$50,000.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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